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DATE: JANUARY 2009

TO: PRINCIPAL AND ALL 5TH GRADE TEACHERS

RE: 2009 DAVID DEUTER MEMORIAL 5TH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST
"WHAT BEING A GOOD CITIZEN MEANS TO ME"

We would like to invite your 5th grade classes to participate in the **2009 David Deuter Memorial Essay Contest**. This is the **13th year** we have provided the 5th grade essay contest. The essay topic is **"What Being A Good Citizen Means To Me"**.

The program is named to honor the memory of *Master Trooper David A. Deuter*, who was killed in the line of duty on the toll road on July 16, 1998. At the time of his death, he left behind his wife, Debra, and two young daughters, who are now teenagers, as well as two adult daughters.

FOLLOWING ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR THE PROGRAM:

- **Essay Topic:** **"What Being A Good Citizen Means To Me"**. Please be certain that your entry is original and focuses on the good citizenship topic. Neatness, correct spelling and grammar are also extremely important.
- **Length of Essay:** Approximately 100 words – essays that are too long will be returned for revisions. Poetry will not be accepted.
- **Who Can Participate:** All 5th grade classes are invited to participate. Your school should submit only one entry to represent your school
- **Deadline for entries:** Postmarked by March 13th 2009.
- **Mail to:** **Indiana Troopers Association, PO Box 798, Angola, IN 46703.** Entries may be faxed to: 260-624-2747.
- **Selection of Winners:** In early April, county winners will be selected from essays submitted. From the county winners, **One Statewide Winner** will be selected, along with **Four Runners-up**. Your school will be notified by mail.
- **Awards:** The Statewide winner will receive a **\$1, 000 U.S. Savings Bond**. The four Runners-up will each receive \$750 in U.S. Savings Bonds. **All** remaining County Winners will receive a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond.
- **Gifts:** All winners will receive engraved plaques, a Governor's Award Certificate, along with other gifts from the ITA.
- **School Presentation:** Should your school's entry be chosen as one of the winners, if requested, we will do our best to provide a uniformed trooper to attend your end of year awards program and present an Awards Certificate to your winner.
- **Statewide Awards Program:** All County/State Essay Winners, their families and school officials, will be invited to attend the Statewide Awards Program to be held at the Indiana State House on Friday, June 12, 2009.

Over the past years, literally thousands of Indiana fifth grade students have participated in our Essay Contest. We hope that your school will join us in our 2009 program.

If you have any question regarding the program, please contact Karen Shelton at our Corporate Office – 800-671-9851.

Supporting those who serve,

Patricia C. Warczynski – President

Enclosure: Guidelines/Entry Form

INDIANA TROOPERS ASSOCIATION

2009 David Deuter Memorial Essay Contest

"What Being A Good Citizen Means To Me"

ENTRY FORM

Thank you for participating in our 2009 5th Grade Essay Contest.

Essays will be judged on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Must focus on what being a good citizen means to them
- Proper grammar and correct spelling are important
- Must be neat and easy to read
- May be typed or hand written
- Students name/school and county must be printed on each essay submitted
- Must stay within the 100-word range – essays that are too long will be returned to the school or disqualified
- Poetry will not be accepted.

Please return this form with the 1 (one) winning essay representing your school with the following information. DO NOT SEND MORE THAN ONE ENTRY FROM YOUR SCHOOL.

Name of Essay Author: _____

School Name: _____

Address of School: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

COUNTY where school is located: _____

School Principal: _____

School Contact Name(Teacher): _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Fax #: _____

School/contact email address _____

RETURN THIS FORM WITH ESSAY

MAIL TO: Indiana Troopers Association

PO Box 798

or

Angola, IN 46703

FAX TO: (260) 624-2747

Must be postmarked no later than: Friday, March 13, 2009

IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL:

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